



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 21, 2003

TO: Dr. Brian Amy
State Health Officer

FROM: Jim Craig, Director *J-C*
Office of Emergency Planning and Response

SUBJECT: Emergency Rule allowing EMT Paramedics to administer Pralidoxime (2PAM) for Organophosphate Poisoning and Nerve Agent exposure

In response to the heightened Homeland Security Terrorism advisory to "Orange-HighRisk," and in support of the Governor's Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency, I am requesting that you invoke Emergency Rule making authority to immediately allow EMT Paramedics to administer Pralidoxime (2PAM) for Organophosphate Poisoning and Nerve Agent exposure. The Office of Emergency Planning and Response has developed an EMS protocol and procedure for the administration of Pralidoxime by EMT Paramedics. In addition the Office has proposed rules and regulations allowing Pralidoxime to be carried as an optional drug aboard licensed paramedic ambulances. The proposed rules and protocol has been approved by the Medical Direction, Training and Quality Assurance Committee (MDTQA) of the State Board of Health. Additionally, they were recently approved by the EMS Advisory Council. These rule modifications are on the agenda for an intent to adopt at the April 9, 2003, State Board of Health meeting.

Your immediate consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

APPROVED:

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